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HOME OPERATIONS.

In the last number of the Advocate we were compelled to exclude a notice of peace movements at home, in order to make room for a record of the Friendly International Addresses between this country and Great Britain on the subject of Peace. Since the issue of the February number, many interesting meetings have been held in different parts of New England by the friends of universal brotherhood. On the 17th of February the friends of peace in the county met in Convention in the town of Worcester, and formed the Worcester County Peace Society, founded on the following Constitution :

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be designated "THE WORCESTER COUNTY PEACE SOCIETY."

ART. 2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of the cause of Peace and Universal Brotherhood ; and being founded on the principle that all War is utterly inconsistent with the spirit of Christianity, will endeavor to illustrate its baleful influence on all the great interests of mankind, and devise means for insuring permanent and universal Peace.

ART. 3. All persons desirous of promoting peace on earth and good will towards men, may become members of this society by contributing annually to its funds.

ART. 4. Any person paying Ten Dollars at one time shall be a Life Member of the Society.

ART. 5. The officers of this Society shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, Cor. Secretary, Rec. Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five, to whom the management of the affairs of the Society shall be especially entrusted ; all the other officers of the Society, being, when present, *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

ART. 6. The annual meeting for the choice of Officers and other meetings of the Society, shall be holden at such times and places as the Executive Committee shall designate, and all officers shall hold their respective places until others are chosen.

The Committee, to whom was referred the nomination of officers for the Worcester County Peace Society, reported the following names :

AMASA WALKER, *President*, JOS. W. CROSS, BENJ. D. PECK, GEO. TRASK, JOSEPH ALLEN, *Vice Presidents*, ELIHU BURRITT, *Cor. Secretary*, JULIUS L. CLARK, *Rec. Secretary*, ANTHONY CHASE, *Treasurer*, CHARLES WHITE, EDWARD EARLE, ALONZO HILL, CHARLES DAVIS, THOS. V. SULLIVAN, *Executive Committee*.

Which report was adopted by the unanimous voice of the Convention.

The formation of the Society occupied principally the morning session of the Convention. During the afternoon and evening the fundamental principles of the peace cause were discussed in an excellent spirit and with marked ability, by Samuel E. Coues, Esq. President of the American Peace Society, Rev. John Pierpont of Troy, Prof. Amasa Walker of North Brookfield, Rev. M. G. Thomas of Boston, Rev. Elnathan Davis, Rev. Adin Ballou, Rev. B. D. Peck, Rev. Mr. Wilson, Joshua P. Blanchard, of Boston, Freeman Walker, Esq. North Brookfield, and several others. All the speakers took the strong ground that all war is inconsistent with the spirit of christianity.

A few weeks subsequent to this Convention the Executive Committee of the Worcester County Peace Society met, and among other measures which were adopted to carry out the beneficent aims of the organization, they appointed Rev. Elnathan Davis as agent, to visit the different towns in the county and present the cause and claims of Peace, and to solicit to it the patronage of public sympathy and assistance. We refer to an account of his movements and success in another place.

CONVENTION IN NORWICH.—On the 18th of February, a convention of the friends of Peace was held in Norwich, Ct. There were present, Samuel E. Coues, Esq. of Portsmouth, Rev. M. G. Thomas, and J. P. Blanchard of Boston, Rev. Elnathan Davis, and Elihu Burritt of Worcester. Owing to a limited notice of the Convention, the audience was small, especially in the afternoon. The Town Hall being difficult of access, and other-

wise inconvenient, the evening session was transferred to the Universalist Church, the only house disengaged. Here a goodly number assembled, and listened with the deepest attention to the enunciation of the sublimest doctrines of the Gospel against all War. The discussion was distinguished by a fervent religious sentiment, which all seemed to feel.—The speakers were unusually impressive, and so were the audience, in the affecting stillness with which they received truths of solemn interest to human nature. A spirit of devotion seemed to pervade the meeting and to inspire its exercises; and when one of our Peace band, Rev. Mr. Thomas, knelt down in the pulpit, at the close of the addresses, and invoked the blessing of the God of Peace upon us all, every heart seemed to pray, and every prayer to be answered at the moment.

Amasa Walker, Esq. delivered a Peace lecture before the South Brookfield Lyceum on the 25th of February, which was well received. We are happy to learn that this subject has occupied the discussions of Debating Societies, and Village Lyceums in different parts of the country during the past winter.

Rev. Elnathan Davis and Elihu Burritt spent the last Sabbath of February in the interesting village of Brooklyn, Ct., and addressed the people of that place on the subject of Peace. They were listened to with deep attention.

Samuel E. Coues, Esq., addressed the citizens of Portsmouth, N. H. on a Sunday evening, during the month of March. The large Temple was well filled, and the audience appeared deeply impressed with the power and truth of the principles of peace.

Elihu Burritt being in Nantucket on Sunday, the 23d ult. addressed the people of that place twice on the subject of peace; in the afternoon in Rev. Mr. Knapp's church, and in the evening in that of Rev. Mr. Rich. At both places the audiences were large and attentive. In fact, there is not a town in the Union more distinguished for the prevalence of peace principles than Nantucket.

The Worcester County Peace Society promises to be very active and effective. It has appointed Rev. Elnathan Davis to act as agent, in visiting the different towns, and presenting the claims of the cause. He entered upon this mission on the first of March, and has visited Boylston, Dana, Gardner, Petersham, Shrewsbury, and Westminster. He writes: "I have lectured some 12 or 15 times, and by visiting individuals, circulating the Advocate, &c., have labored to bring the great question of peace before the public. I have been received very cordially by pastors and members of churches, and indeed by all who are not maddened by the accursed spirit of war. I have been especially cheered with the readiness with which those of widely different religious and political views have united for the prosecution of this good work."

On Wednesday the 8th, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Worcester County Peace Society was held in Worcester; at which there were present Amasa Walker, Esq., of North Brookfield, Rev. J. W. Cross, West Boylston, Rev. Elnathan Davis, Charles White, Julius L. Clarke, and Elihu Burritt, of Worcester. It was resolved that the first Quarterly Meeting of the Society should be held in Fitchburg, on Friday, April 17th, to continue two days. It was also directed that 3000 copies of "The Bond of Brotherhood" should be printed for gratuitous circulation by the Society. One thousand of these are to be put into the hands of passengers in rail-road cars, 500 to be sent to as many papers in the Union, and the balance to be circulated in the County.

PEACE MEETING IN BOSTON. — A Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Sunday evening, the 5th. The house was well filled, and several speakers addressed the audience; among which were Rev. Mr. Waterston, Rev. Messrs Stone and Burton, J. P. Blanchard, Deacon Greele, Mr. Andrew, and Elihu Burritt.

On Fast Day, the 2d inst., a large number of Peace Sermons were delivered throughout the country, which, it is hoped, will not fail of doing much to correct public sentiment on the subject of war.

ELIHU BURRITT addressed the people of Greenville, Ct. on the subject of peace, on Sunday evening, April 12. The audience listened with respectful attention and evinced much interest in the subject.

PEACE MEETINGS were held in Plymouth for several successive weeks during the month of March, and conducted in the best spirit. Rev. Messrs. Briggs, Tomlinson, Foster, and several of the leading citizens of the place took an active part in the discussions.

THE TWO BOSTONS. *New* England's Boston, through its municipal authorities, has responded to the Friendly Address of *Old* England's Boston, in a manner creditable to both. We hope to publish this filial response in the next number of the Advocate.

REV. MR. BECKWITH, Secretary of the American Peace Society, has recently been actively engaged in promoting the interests of the cause in New York and Philadelphia, where his efforts have been attended with marked success.

THE NEWSPAPER PRESS has, with a few exceptions, lent its aid to the dissemination of the principles of peace, or at least to a description of the horrors of war.

THE OREGON QUESTION. The friends of peace, in both countries, are praying and laboring earnestly for the amicable settlement of this unfortunate controversy. We devoutly hope that this question will not be suffered to remain as a subject of angry discussion, and a supposed foundation for increasing armies and navies, and inflaming the spirit of war. No people under heaven can talk or think about war for the space of six months, without suffering a deterioration of public morals. If the extraordinary appropriation for the increase of our army and navy, in consequence of the posture of this question of controversy, be carried through Congress, and similar appropriations for the same cause be voted in the British Parliament, then the dispute, even if finally settled by negotiation, will cost the people of both countries more than \$50,000,000 !

PEACE MOVEMENTS ABROAD.

The terrible scenes recently enacted in India ; the despotic attempt of the British Government to enrol the militia by ballot, the delicate posture of the Oregon Question, have tended to arouse the people of England to the atrocities of war, and to render them susceptible of new convictions with regard to its moral character. Enthusiastic meetings have been held, from one end of the kingdom to the other, to remonstrate, with all the energy of the popular will, against the enrolment. At these meetings the principles of peace, in all their length, breadth and strength, have been brought forward and discussed, and commended to the hearts of thousands. Such has been the pressure of public sentiment against this strong-handed measure of the Government, that it is to be withdrawn. The sanguinary deeds in India find but little more favor with the common people, and the public press, in several instances, has spoken of them in terms of earnest deprecation. The hungry millions of the United Kingdom have enough to do in warring against Famine ; and Peace and Bread are associated as intimately in their minds as they are in nature. The abolition of the Corn Laws has created a new interest in America in the hopes of the manufacturing population. They begin to feel that that grand measure would afford to them but little relief, were the pacific relations between the two countries interrupted. Peace, then, especially with this country, is an angel of mercy bearing plenty on its wings.

The Friends have presented a memorial to Sir Robert Peel, on the subject of difficulties between that country and the United States. This memorial takes strong ground against all war, as inhuman and unchristian ; and entreats the Government to make every concession (as it relates to the mode of arbitration or in other respects) which may be found necessary to the peaceful termination of the dispute ; and even to *suffer wrong*, rather than adopt the tremendous alternative of plunging the countries into a war. "The Premier was accompanied by Lord Aberdeen. He received the deputation with something more than courtesy, evincing by his remarks a deep interest in the subject of the memorial, and suggesting that our American brethren should use their influence in a similar manner for its accomplishment."